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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS

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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that reference 11 listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 was cited in the International Search Report dated November 08, 2001, for a counterpart PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is enclosed herewith. All other reference listed on the International Search Report have previously been disclosed in the instant case.

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With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

1. United States Serial Number 09/425,633, filed October 22, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/535,854, filed March 27, 2000. ^{u35, u31}
2. U.S.S.N. 09/517,945, filed March 3, 2000 and U.S.S.N. 10/021,906, filed December 12, 2001. ^{u35}
3. ~~U.S.S.N. 09/513,362~~, filed February 25, 2000. ^{u35}
4. U.S.S.N. 09/556,463, filed April 21, 2000, and U.S.S.N. 10/045,575, filed October 26, 2001. ^{u35}
- ^{u35} 5. U.S.S.N. 08/818,199, filed March 24, 1997, now Patent No. 6,023,540; U.S.S.N. 09/151,877, filed September 11, 1998, now Patent No. 6,327,410; U.S.S.N. 09/786,896, filed September 10, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/450,829, filed November 29, 1999, now Patent No. 6,266,459; U.S.S.N. 09/816,651, filed March 23, 2001; U.S.S.N. 09/840,012, filed April 20, 2001; U.S.S.N. 09/925,292, filed August 08, 2001; and U.S.S.N. 10/005,201, filed December 04, 2001.
6. U.S.S.N. 08/944,850, filed October 6, 1997; U.S.S.N. 09/287,573, filed April 6, 1999.
7. United States Serial Number 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/344,526, filed June 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/748,706, December 22, 2000.
8. ^{u35, u31} U.S.S.N. 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/473,904, filed December 28, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/606,369, filed June 28, 2000.

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None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination, the required fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-69235/RMS/DCF).

Respectfully submitted,

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